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WIFA Chairman Steve Owens Announces Grant to Revamp Pinal County's Wastewater Treatment Plants

PHOENIX –Water Infrastructure Finance Authority (WIFA) of Arizona Chairman Steve Owens announced today the WIFA Board approval of a \$22,918 technical assistance grant to assist Pinal County in the engineering evaluation and re-design of its wastewater treatment plants.

The grant will assist the Pinal County Housing Division in revamping its plants in Maricopa, Stanfield, and Eleven Mile Corner. The plants need improvements in order to reduce pollutants in wastewater to a level nature can handle and at a level that does not put Arizonans' health at risk.

"The Board and I are pleased to provide a grant to Pinal County that will allow the county to continue to improve the quality of the water it discharges from its treatment plants," said Owens, who is also director of the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality.

"Keeping clean water in Arizona's communities is an important priority," said WIFA Executive Director Jay Spector. "Wastewater must be treated in order to protect our environment and our own health."

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ABOUT THE WATER INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCE AUTHORITY OF ARIZONA

The Water Infrastructure Finance Authority of Arizona maintains and improves water quality in Arizona by providing communities and private water systems with access to low-interest financial assistance and technical assistance needed for basic water infrastructure. WIFA's funds are capitalized by contributions from the US Congress and the state of Arizona. As a leader in water infrastructure finance, WIFA has become a premier financial institution both in Arizona and nationally. Visit WIFA's Web site at www.azwifa.gov.